

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-37 (canceled)

Claim 38 (currently amended) A method for presenting billing information via a network, comprising:

transmitting a notice according to an e-mail protocol, via a network, indicating availability of billing information, wherein the notice includes information indicating a location of the available billing information on the network, and ~~The method of claim 37,~~ wherein the information indicating a location of the available billing information is a hyper-link; ~~further comprising:~~

selecting the hyper-link to transmit the request;

transmitting a request according to a protocol other than an e-mail protocol, via the network, to receive the billing information responsive to receipt of the notice; and

transmitting at least a portion of the billing information, via the network, responsive to receipt of the request.

Claim 39 (previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the hyper-link is an icon.

Claim 40 (previously presented) A method for presenting billing information, comprising:

transmitting, via the network, an e-mail notice indicating availability of billing information;

transmitting, via the network, an e-mail request to receive the billing information responsive to receipt of the notice; and

transmitting, via the network, at least a portion of the billing information responsive to receipt of the request.

Claim 41 (previously presented) The method of claim 40, further comprising:
formatting the billing information for presentation responsive to receipt of the request.

Claim 42 (previously presented) The method of claim 40, further comprising:
formatting the billing information for presentation prior to transmitting the notice; and
storing the formatted billing information;
wherein the transmitted billing information is the stored formatted billing information.

Claims 43-46 (canceled)

Claim 47 (currently amended) A method for presenting billing information, comprising:
transmitting, via a network, a notice indicating availability of billing information, the
notice transmitted according to a network protocol other than e-mail, wherein the notice includes
information indicating a location of the available billing information on the network, and
~~The method of claim 46,~~ wherein the information indicating a location of the available billing
information is a hyper-link, ~~further comprising:~~
selecting the hyper-link to transmit the request;
transmitting, via the network, a request to receive the billing information responsive to
receipt of the notice, the request transmitted according to a network protocol other than e-mail;
and
transmitting, via the network, at least a portion of the billing information responsive to
receipt of the request.

Claim 48 (previously presented) The method of claim 47, wherein the hyper-link is an icon.

Claims 49-50 (canceled)

Claim 51 (previously presented) A system for bill presentment, comprising:
a memory configured to store billing information; and
a processor configured to transmit a notice to a payer via e-mail indicating availability of

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a bill and to receive a request from the payer via e-mail for the available bill;
wherein the request is transmitted responsive to receipt of the notice; and
wherein the bill is transmitted to the payer responsive to receipt of the request.

Claim 52-53 (canceled)